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AND

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OF THE

TOWN OF HOOKSETT,

FOR THE

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS OF TREASURER.

Cash in Hands of treasurer, March 1, 1883...	\$90.72
From R. B. Foss, collector for 1882.....	346.00
R. B. Foss, collector for 1883.....	7100.00
R. B. Neal, on account of Henry H. Gile, collector for 1876 and 1877.....	400.00
Savings bank tax.....	1456.62
Railroad tax.....	538.39
Literary fund.....	138.21
Insurance tax.....	60.00
Merrimack county for support of paupers..	576.84
For use of town hall.....	30.00
J. W. Prescott, for furniture.....	2.00

For Lots in Cemetery.

I. W. Barclay.....	10.00
Luey A. Kimball, (C. F. Kimball lot)....	5.00
C. H. Johnson.....	5.00
J. M. Garland heirs.....	5.00
Nancy Ray.....	5.00
G. F. Larkin.....	6.00
Nettie Goodale.....	15.00

 \$10789.78
Orders paid by Treasurer.**SCHOOL MONEY**

Paid R. Fuller, school district No. 1.....	\$276.74
J. S. Burbank, “ “ 2.....	281.74
E. T. Wentworth, “ “ 3.....	105.74
O. J. Prescott, “ “ 4.....	644.67
C. Sherley, “ “ 5.....	112.08
J. Wheeler, “ “ 6.....	103.42
Jesse Cate, “ “ 7.....	52.42
A. Mitchell, school house tax, dis't No. 5..	50.00

 \$1626.81
TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid R. B. Neal, Selectman.....	\$112.00
E. Pronk, “ 	83.75
J. Huse, “ 	66.00
R. A. Lantry, treasurer and settling state and county tax.....	28.00

R. A. Lantry, clerk.....	30.00
R. B. Foss, collector.....	186.15
F. D. Randall, superintending schools.....	50.00
J. W. Prescott, supervisor.....	23.00
A. T. Martin, “	22.50
F. C. Towle, auditor for 1882.....	5.00
E. Pronk, supervisor for 1882.....	8.30
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	\$614.70

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

John L. Garland, abatement for 1882.	\$6.97
N. Preston.....	6.90
E. W. Brigham.....	1.15
A. Smith.....	2.30
J. Martin.....	1.73
R. B. Foss, abatement for 1880, '81 and '82....	54.00
Joel Lund, over 70 years old, abatement for 1882 and 1883.....	2.30
R. B. Foss, abatement for 1883.....	18.44
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	\$93.79

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid A. I. Lawrence, labor on bridge.....	\$1.75
S. B. Chandler, lighting bridge.....	27.50
F. H. Colby, labor on highway, dist. No. 1,..	215.43
N. & W. F. Head, lumber in 1882 “ 1...	12.54
Jesse Gault, labor on highway, dist. No. 2...	153.20
E. T. Wentworth “ “ “ 3...	56.33
W. S. Wiggin, “ “ “ 4...	35.25
H. Rowe, “ “ “ 5...	38.70

A. Kimball, labor on highway, dist. No. 6...	72.00
A. F. Davis, " " " 6 '82	2.25
John Ela, " " " 7...	111.06
E. G. Libby, " " " 8...	83.60
G. A. Harriman, " " " 9...	246.00
F. H. Libby, " " " 9...	21.27
J. S. & M. R. Burbank, " " " 9 '82	4.00
A. T. Martin, " " " 10...	69.58
R. B. Neal, " " " 11...	43.80
W. H. Putnam, " " " 12...	44.85
John Wheeler, " " " 13...	38.65
W. H. Otterson, " " " 14...	59.28
J. O. Ingalls, " " " 15...	295.49
G. C. Kimball, " " " 16...	53.35
H. A. Clement, " " " 17...	69.25
E. Pronk, lighting bridge.....	10.00
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	\$1765.13

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid G. F. Larkin, labor in cemetery.....	\$.75
County of Merrimack, for boarding Isaac Harris	142.00
N. H. Assylum, for boarding Ida G. Prescott	42.35
J. B. Sanborn, for stationery.....	4.92
Elijah Evans, for boarding J. Wiggins.....	90.00
Albert Ruemely, printing town reports.....	18.00
J. G. Bartlett, insuring lobby.....	5.00
Dr. F. D. Randall, returning births and deaths	10.75
E. P. Richardson, insuring bridge.....	55.00
L. B. Lewis, for boarding Ida G. Prescott...	32.00
B. J. Gile, repairing hearse harnesses.....	13.25

A. T. Martin, labor in cemetery.....	8.00
F. H. Senter, labor on town hall.....	1.69
C. R. Morrison, legal advice.....	3.00
P. Porter, labor in cemetery and printing bills	11.45
E. Pronk, labor on bridge and town hall....	15.64
H. Downer, burying nuisance.....	.25
James Huse, preambulating town lines.....	6.00
R. B. Neal, preambulating town lines.....	6.00
J. Lane Fitts, preambulating town lines.....	1.50
A. Ruemely, printing notices.....	.50
E. Pronk, bounty paid on crows.....	.80
W. C. Rogers, jack and duster for hearse....	1.83
J. Stickney, springs for hearse.....	2.00
Varnum Ela, damage to wagon.....	1.50
E. T. Hardy, damage to wagon and goods...	20.00
Geo. W. Gordon Post, G. A. R. decoration of soldiers' graves.....	50.00
Eliza A. Garland, damage to cellar by water..	10.00
Chas. B. White, damage to cellar by water..	5.00
G. A. Robie & Son, oil and chimneys for bridge	7.19
E. J. Robie, iron and work.....	6.85
G. A. Robie & Son, goods furnished Mrs. E. Clark.....	9.75
W. M. Davis, wood delivered Dana Ordway..	11.25
J. R. Ela, Damage to wagon.....	4.00
J. E. Kimball, damage to calves by dogs....	25.00
John Wheeler, for public watering place....	3.00
R. B. Neal, for public watering place.....	3.00
S. S. Eastman, for public watering place....	3.00
F. P. Poor, for public watering place.....	3.00

F. LaMarch, for public watering place.....	3.00
Chas. Colby, for public watering place 1882 and 1883.....	6.00
Isaac P. Giddings, for public watering place..	3.00
A. Mitchell, for public watering place.....	3.00
N. & W. F. Head, for public watering place.	3.00
E. C. Chase, for services as police.....	10.00
P. F. Brown, for services as police, 1882....	25.00
H. B. McMurphy, for services as police.....	2.00
J. P. Fuller, for services as police.....	2.00
Geo. W. Keeler, for services as police.....	2.00
W. H. Robinson, for services as police.....	2.62
R. A. Lantry, for services as police, 1882....	1.00
J. H. Megins, for services as police.....	5.00
Viala M. Gile, support of J. W. Gile children	78.00
John W. Prescott, services and care of hearse	55.00
R. B. Neal, stationery.....	8.25
N. K. Lawrence, care of town hall.....	25.00
E. Pronk, care of lobby and provisions.....	22.00
R. A. Lantry, error in settlement with county in 1882.....	25.00
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	\$916.09

COUNTY EXPENSES.

Paid for support of county paupers for the year 1883.....	\$576.84
Support of county paupers since Feb. 1, 1884	42.37
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	\$619.21

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid state tax.....	\$1644.00
County tax.....	1849.42
School money.....	1626.81
Support of county paupers.....	619.21
Roads and bridges.....	1765.13
Town expenses.....	916.09
Abatement of taxes.....	93.79
Town officers.....	614.70
Cash in hands of treasurer, March 1. 1884..	1660.63
	\$10789.78

To cash in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1884 \$1660.63

RICHARD A. LANTRY,

Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

AMOUNT DUE THE TOWN.

From Geo. H. Tufts, for board in asylum...	\$38.17
R. B. Foss, collector, 1882 and 1883.....	1058.79

A. I. Lawrence, for lot in cemetery.....	6.00
J. Philbrick, for lot in cemetery.....	7.50
H. C. Carbee, for lot in cemetery.....	15.00
G. W. Haselton, for lot in cemetery.....	15.00
G. M. Hobbs, for lots in cemetery.....	6.00
Alvin Robinson, for lot in cemetery.....	9.00
John Labonta, for lot in cemetery.....	6.00
Frank Lawrence, for lot in cemetery.....	5.00
Amount due from the county of Merrimack since Feb. 1, 1884.....	42.37
Cash in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1884..	1660.63
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	\$2869.46

ROBERT B. NEAL, EDWIN PRONK, JAMES HUSE,	} <i>Selectmen of Hooksett.</i>
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I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast. With balance in hands of Treasurer, \$1660.63. Amount outstanding bills due the town, \$1208.83. Total amount in favor of the town, \$2869.46.

BENJAMIN A. HAM,

Auditor.

Hooksett, N. H., February 27, 1884

SCHOOL REPORT.

As it becomes the duty of the superintending school committee to report as to the condition of the public schools, we submit to the public the following report.

In the first place, we would congratulate the prudential school committee on their success in securing good teachers. They have, as rule, been equal to the great majority of teachers in our public schools ; some of them would be classed among the best, and not any of them, we think are very poor teachers. They have been able to instruct in an efficient manner in all the branches required by law in our common schools ; some of them even instructing in higher branches.

We would advise the committee to hire no teacher because they can be obtained for a small price. Too much caution cannot be exercised in securing good teachers. It may be said, as a rule, that the standard and the future of the pupils depend largely on the ability and character of the teacher. A large majority of children receive their education in our common schools, and but few of them obtain the privilege of attending an academy or other schools of a higher grade. How highly

important it is, then, that we should employ those who will instruct and guide the children in paths which will lead to prosperous and useful lives. Although the teachers share a large part in the instruction of the children, yet the parents can lend a helping hand, and aid largely in securing a prosperous school.

All of the teachers have been employed during the entire year, a practice which we especially commend, when good teachers have been secured. A great amount of time and instruction is lost when teachers are changed every term. We would say to the committee, secure the old teachers.

But one change of books has been made during the past year, although there are one or two changes which would be beneficial to the schools.

There is one branch which is too much neglected in our common schools at the present time, viz. Reading. Yet to take more time in this branch other studies would have to be neglected, as the time of the teachers is wholly taken up. In some schools the teachers can hardly do justice to the pupils on account of the large number of classes which have to be formed. This is due largely to the irregularity in attendance of the pupils, some of them attending one week and staying at home the next. The pupil who is habitually irregular in attendance, not only injures himself, but also the whole class with which he associates, by retarding its progress. When the pupil attends school, he should be present at the beginning and remain until the close of the term, unless prevented by some unavoidable cause. The good

teacher can do much to prevent this irregularity in attendance, but the greater part must be done by the parents. Our public schools are none of them too long and many of them much too short, and the scholar who is absent a large part of the time loses much and gains little. Their future prosperity may depend in some measure on how their school days are spent.

By a law passed in the last legislature, physiology has become one of the branches which are required to be taught in our common schools. In this branch the subjects of Hygiene and the effects of alcohol, opium and tobacco on the human system, will be taken up; also the rudiments and principles of physiology and anatomy. An idea of what is required can be seen by referring to any of the text books on physiology. We would advise the teachers to secure a text book and become familiar with the principles.

Before closing we would call the attention of the parents to their relations with the school. The *best* teachers should have the cooperation of the parents which may be manifested in various ways, especially by occasionally visiting the school room, and encouraging both teacher and pupil. The work of the teacher is necessarily very hard, and an occasional good word, or help in any form, does much to encourage them. But few know the trials the teachers have to encounter in the discharge of their duties, and the sympathy and interest which the parents may bestow on them may produce in its results a successful school.

DISTRICT No. 1.

R. FULLER, prudential committee.

No. of weeks of school, 33.

Miss Jennie Ordway, of Loudon had charge of this school during the three terms. Miss Ordway is a good teacher and taught a good school. Her easy and agreeable manners together with her adaption for teaching, have done much toward the advancement of the scholars, both in deportment and instruction. This school has the advantage of having the longest term of schooling of any district in town. It has not finished at the time of making out this report.

DISTRICT No. 2.

JOHN BURBANK, prudential committee.

No. of weeks of school, 30.

Average daily attendance, 29.

This school has been taught the entire year by Miss Etta E. Hatch, of Manchester. The school has been a very prosperous one. Your committee have been able to visit this school at the beginning and close of each term, and can say that we have seen marked improvement. One feature which we notice and heartily indorse is the instruction in music. Miss Hatch begins with the first rudiments of music and teaches the whole school in a thorough manner to not only sing, but to read music in the proper way. In addition to the usual exercises of speaking and writing compositions, a continued story

was written by five of the largest scholars. All of which were good. Miss Hatch gave a prize for the two best, Eugene Prescott won the first, and Albert Cole the second prize.

DISTRICT No. 3.

E. T. WENTWORTH, prudential committee.

No. of weeks of school, 21

Average daily attendance, 7.

Mrs. Ida M. Davinson, of Candia, taught this school for the periods during which it was kept. Mrs. Davinson taught a very good school considering the number of scholars, they being so small and so few of them that a teacher in this school has a very small chance to show her abilities as an instructor. But the pupils seemed to understand what they had been over, and to answer very promptly in their recitations.

DISTRICT No. 4.

ORIN J. PRESCOTT, prudential committee.

The teachers of this district have succeeded so well in their efforts to impart knowledge to the pupils that we feel that saying any thing to their praise would be but a repetition of what has been said by the former superintendents, but from observations during our visits we can say that they are excellent schools.

Primary School.

No. of weeks of school, 30.

Average daily attendance, 42.5.

This school was again under the charge of Miss Jennie B. Abbott, of West Concord; who taught the whole year to the satisfaction of all the parents and pupils. As Miss Abbott has been the instructor in this department for so long a time and her abilities as a teacher so well known, we feel that we can add but little to her reputation.

Grammer School.

No. of weeks of school, 30.

Average daily attendance, 20.13.

This school was taught by Miss Ellen J. Brickett, of Thetford, Vt. The scholars in this school may justly be said to have the advantage of some pupils who attend some city school and even higher schools. Mis Brickett has taught all the branches required by law in our common schools and some higher branches as well as could be taught in higher schools. All of the examinations showed that the pupils have had an instructor fully capable to fill the position which she occupies.

DISTRICT No. 5.

CLINTON SHERLEY, prudential committee.

No. of weeks of school, 19.

Average daily attendance, 18.15.

Miss Fannie A. prescott, of this town, taught in this district both terms. This proved a successful school. Miss Prescott has all the qualities which make a good

teacher, and succeeds in putting them into practice. The examinations at the close of each term showed that the pupils had been thorough in all their studies.

DISTRICT No. 6.

JOHN WHEELER, prudential committee.

No. of weeks of school, 23.

Average daily attendance, 20.5.

Miss S. B. Greene, of Concord, taught this school both terms. Your committee had the pleasure to visit at the close of each term, and judging from the examinations, we think the time and labor which has been expended has not been in vain. We consider Miss Greene a good teacher.

DISTRICT No. 7.

JESSE E. CATE, prudential committee.

No. of weeks of school, 10.

Average daily attendance, 8.875.

This school was taught by Miss Ella Merrill, of Pembroke. This was Miss Merrill's first attempt at teaching and considering the shortness of the term and the small number of scholars, had a successful school. We prophesy that if Miss Merrill fills the position as well in the future as at present she will become a successful teacher.

It was the intention of your committee to publish a list of the honor-men, but as three of the schools have not closed, and the report coming due, we shall be obliged to omit it.

F. D. RANDALL,

Supt. School Committe.

Hooksett, N. H., March 1, 1884.

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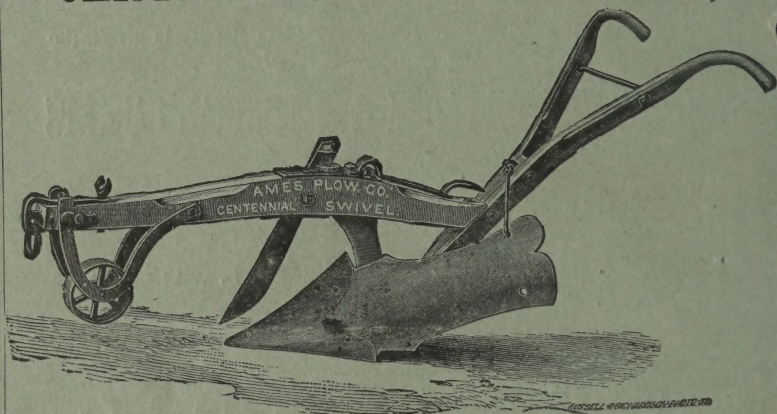
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